to identifiable groups in the unorganised sector under the Employees' Provident Fund Scheme. The Government has recently launched a social security scheme for agricultural labour namely 'Krishi Shramik Samajik Suraksha Yojana 2001' through the Life Corporation of India (LIC) in 50 selected districts aiming to cover around 10 lakh agricultural workers over a span of 3 years. The benefits under the scheme, *inter-alia*, include pension and superannuation benefits to the agricultural workers.

Unemployment problems in HP

2722. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to remove the problem of unemployment particularly in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to introduce a system "One employment in a family" in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) and (b) The planning for employment is a part of the five year plans. The approach to the Tenth Plan focusses on providing gainful high quality employment to the additions to the labour force and it is listed as one of the monitorable objectives for the 10th Plan and beyond. The growth strategy of 10th Plan would lay emphasis on rapid growth of those sectors which are likely to create high quality employment opportunities and deal with the policy constraints which discourage growth of employment. Particular attention would be paid to the policy environment influencing a wide range of economic activities which have a large employment potential.

Government is also implementing special programmes for eradication of poverty and generation of employment. The major poverty alleviation programmes, which provide employment in the

rural areas, are Swarna Jayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana, Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana and Employment Assurance Scheme. In the urban areas, Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) is in operation since 1.12.97, which also seeks to provide gainful employment to the poor. Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana is being implemented as a central Plan Scheme to provide employment opportunities to educated unemployed youth in both rural and urban areas. These schemes have also helped in tackling the unemployment problem in Himachal Pradesh.

(c) Presently there is no such proposal under the consideration of the State Government.

(d) Does not arise.

Implementation of Bachawat Wage Board recommendations

2723. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that out of 1714 newspaper establishments in the country, 1043 establishments have not implemented so far the Bachawat Wage Board recommendations;

(b) if so, the reasons for tardy progress in implementation of the Bachawat Wage Board recommendations; and

(c) the steps taken by Government for effective implementation thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (c) As per information available, out of 1714 newspaper establishments in the country, 1043 had not implemented the recommendations of the last Wage Board *i.e.* Bachawat Wage Board. The slow progress in the implementation was due to the financial constraints, contract employment, small size units etc. In the meantime, the award of the new Wage Board *i.e.* Manisana Wage Board has been notified vide orders dated 5.12.2000 and 15.12.2000.

The implementation of the recommendations of the Wage Board is